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SUBJECT: ON-THE-JOB TRAINING FOR SAUDI NAVAL PERSONNEL  
ON SHIPS OF USMIDEASTFOR

1. THE AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER  
(NO. 505/1/1/2 DATED 29 APRIL 1975) FROM MINISTER OF  
DEFENSE AND AVIATION PRINCE SULTAN BIN ABD AL-AZIZ:

"WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 8,  
1975, (EMBASSY COMMENT: THE LETTER INFORMING  
HIM OF OUR WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE OJT ON SHIPS  
OF MIDEASTFOR) I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF THANKING  
YOUR EXCELLENCY FOR YOUR INTEREST AND CARE IN RE-  
GARD TO PROVIDING ON-THE-JOB TRAINING TO OUR NAVAL  
FORCES. YOUR PROPOSAL TO MAKE USE OF ON-THE-JOB  
TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES ON BOARD AMERICAN SHIPS  
OPERATING IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS USEFUL AND  
CONSTRUCTIVE AND HAS OUR FULL APPRECIATION. THE  
TRIP UNDERTAKEN BY SOME OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE  
ROYAL SAUDI NAVY ON BOARD THE USS TRIPPE HAS RE-  
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VEALED THE COOPERATION WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN ALL

PARTIES CONCERNED IN THIS AREA. WE HAVE ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO ROYAL NAVY FORCES TO CONTINUE COORDINATION WITH THE NAVY SECTION OF THE US TRAINING MISSION IN ORDER THAT SUCH VOYAGES MAY CONTINUE ON AN EVEN MORE ORGANIZED AND BETTER PLANNED MANNER IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE GREATEST POSSIBLE BENEFIT IN THE FIELD OF TRAINING AND IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE TW FRIENDLY NAVYS."

"WHILE THANKING YOUR EXCELLENCY FOR YOUR INTEREST IN A PROGRAM OF THIS KIND, I SHOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT SUCH A PROGRAM SHOULD NOT REPLACE PRACTICAL TRAINING ON BOARD SHIPS AND IN AMERICAN FACILITIES IN THE UNITED STATES FOR MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL SAUDI NAVY WHO ARE UNDERGOING STUDIES AND TRAINING IN US NAVY INSTITUTIONS IN THE US."

"I BELIEVE THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY WILL AGREE WITH MY VIEW THAT ON-THE-JOB TRAINING OF SAUDI NAVAL PERSONNEL ON BOARD AMERICAN SHIPS OPERATING IN THE MIDDLE EAST MUST BE IN EXTENSION OF THE THEORETICAL STUDY AND PRACTICAL TRAINING WHICH THEY WILL HAVE GOTTEN IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING THE STANDARDS OF EFFICIENCY OF SAUDI NAVAL PERSONNEL TO THE NECESSARY LEVEL TO ENABLE THEM TO PERFORM THEIR JOBS ON BOARD THE MODERN SHIPS WHICH ARE TO BE OBTAINED BY THE SAUDI NAVY AS PART OF THEIR MODERNIZATION PROGRAM."

2. WE PROPOSE TO SEND TO PRINCE SULTAN A LETTER FROM THE AMBASSADOR WHICH, AFTER THANKING HIM FOR HIS LETTER AND EXPRESSING OUR DESIRE TO CONTINUE CLOSE COOPERATION IN THIS AREA, WOULD CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:

"I AGREE WITH YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS THAT ON-THE-JOB TRAINING ON BOARD SHIPS OF THE US MIDDLE EAST FORCE IS VALUABLE AND CONTRIBUTES TO THE COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I WISH TO ASSURE YOUR HIGHNESS THAT THIS TRAINING OF SAUDI NAVAL PERSONNEL ON BOARD THE SHIPS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MIDEASTFOR IS DESIGNED TO UTILIZE POSSIBILITIES WHICH EXIST BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE THOSE SHIPS IN WATERS CLOSE TO SAUDI ARABIA. IT IS NOT, HOWEVER, INTENDED TO REPLACE ANY PART OF THE TRAINING WHICH HAS BEEN PROGRAMMED FOR ROYAL SAUDI NAVAL PERSONNEL IN THE UNITED STATES. IT IS INTENDED RATHER TO SUPPLEMENT THAT TRAINING BY GIVING OFFICERS AND MEN IN THE ROYAL SAUDI NAVY GREATER PERSONAL EXPERIENCE IN THE SEA-GOING OPERATIONS

OF A NAVY--A MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN ANY PROGRAM OF  
NAVAL DEVELOPMENT."

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF LANGUAGE PROPOSED

PARAGRAPH 2. FOR INFORMATION ADDRESSEES:

REQUEST THAT, AS APPROPRIATE, YOU ADDRESS ANY COMMENTS TO  
SECSTATE INFO EMBASSY JIDDA.

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